

Trails of the Canyon Rim Area

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1 Laing Loop

1.1 miles → easy → hiking.

This enjoyable loop trail leads through forest, rhododendron, and open field.

Directions: Park at the Burnwood Day-Use Area, across from Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

2 Endless Wall Trail

1.0 mile → moderate → hiking.

This trail starts on Lansing – Edmond Road, and offers spectacular views of the gorge, as well as access to some of the best rock climbing in the eastern United States. The overlook at Diamond Point provides a good turnaround spot, creating a popular two-mile roundtrip.

Notes: Numerous steep cliffs are located along this trail — please use caution!

Directions: Turn off U. S. Route 19 onto Lansing – Edmond Road (Route 5), located just north of Canyon Rim Visitor Center. Follow this road for 1.3 miles; trailhead parking is located on your right, just before you cross Fern Creek.

New River Bridge Trail

1.6 miles → difficult → hiking.

This occasionally steep and rocky trail offers views of the gorge and bridge. The trail passes under the New River Gorge Bridge, and connects with *Kaymoor Trail* at Wolf Creek. A connection is also possible with an unimproved trail that leads up to Fayetteville Town Park and on to the Long Point Trail (requires fording several creeks, which can be difficult at high water levels).

Notes: Be careful around the steep drop-offs and cliff areas encountered on this trail.

Directions: Turn off U. S. Route 19 at the sign indicating Fayette Station Road (just north of Fayetteville). At 0.8 miles, turn right for trailhead parking (across from the whitewater outfitter).

4 Kaymoor Trail

2.0 miles → moderate → hiking.

This popular trail follows an old road to the Kaymoor Mine. A steep set of steps leads down to the coke ovens and town site at river level.

Notes: Do not enter any of the abandoned structures in the Kaymoor area.

Directions: From Canyon Rim Visitor Center, follow Fayette Station Road down into the gorge. Cross the New River on the restored Fayette Station Bridge, and continue for 1.2 miles to a small parking area on the left.

Long Point Trail

1.6 miles → moderate → hiking.

The Long Point Trail traverses field and forest on the way to a rock outcrop (Long Point) with panoramic views of the gorge and bridge. It can be reached from the Long Point Trailhead, or alternately from Kaymoor Top.

Notes: Steep cliff areas are located at Long Point — use caution around the cliff edge.

Directions: The Long Point trailhead is reached from Fayetteville, via Gatewood Road. From U.S. Route 19, follow Route 16 South through the town of Fayetteville. Take a left on Gatewood Road (sign indicates Kaymoor and Cunard). Follow Gatewood Road for 1.9 miles, and turn left. The *Long Point Trail* begins in a field about 50 yards up on the left.

Kaymoor Miners' Trail

0.5 miles → difficult → hiking.

This rugged trail descends steeply, with switchbacks and stairs, to the abandoned Kaymoor Mine. A steep set of steps leads down to the coke ovens and town site at river level.

Notes: This can be a very strenuous hike, and drops almost 1,000 vertical feet. A good overlook of the gorge is located about 0.2 miles down on the right, just before the trail drops over the rim.

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Kaymoor Miner's Trail (*continued*)

Directions: Kaymoor Top is reached via Gatewood Road. From U.S. Route 19, follow Route 16 South through the town of Fayetteville. Take a left on Gatewood Road (sign indicates Kaymoor and Cunard). Follow this road for 2.0 miles, and turn left at the Kaymoor sign. Follow this narrow road for about one mile to an intersection, and bear left. Parking is 50 yards down on the right. The *Long Point* and *Cunard – Kaymoor Trails* can also be accessed from the Kaymoor Top trailhead.

7 Cunard to Kaymoor Trail

6.6 miles → moderate → hiking/biking.

This popular hiking and biking trail offers views of the river and gorge. Trailheads are at Cunard and Kaymoor Top. From Kaymoor Top, it is 4.1 miles to the Kaymoor Mine site, and 7.3 miles to Cunard.

Notes: Bikes are not permitted on the trail beyond the mine site.

Directions: Cunard is reached from Fayetteville, via Gatewood Road. From U.S. Route 19, follow Route 16 South through the town of Fayetteville. Take a left on Gatewood Road (sign indicates Kaymoor and Cunard). Follow Gatewood Road for 4.6 miles, and turn left at the sign for Cunard. Go 1.8 miles, and turn left at both of the signs indicating Cunard River Access Road. Parking for the *Cunard – Kaymoor Trail* is located 0.5 miles further on the right. The trail begins about 50 yards back on the other side of the road.

For More Information:

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New River Gorge

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New River Gorge National River has more than 50 miles of trails, which vary from easy to difficult in terrain and distance. The trail system is expanding and conditions can change; check at park visitor centers for current information.

Trail Regulations

- Disturbing, destroying, or removing natural and cultural objects is prohibited.
- Park trails are closed to all motorized vehicles.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only.
- Pets must be kept on a leash at all times.
- No littering. Please carry out all trash.

Safety First

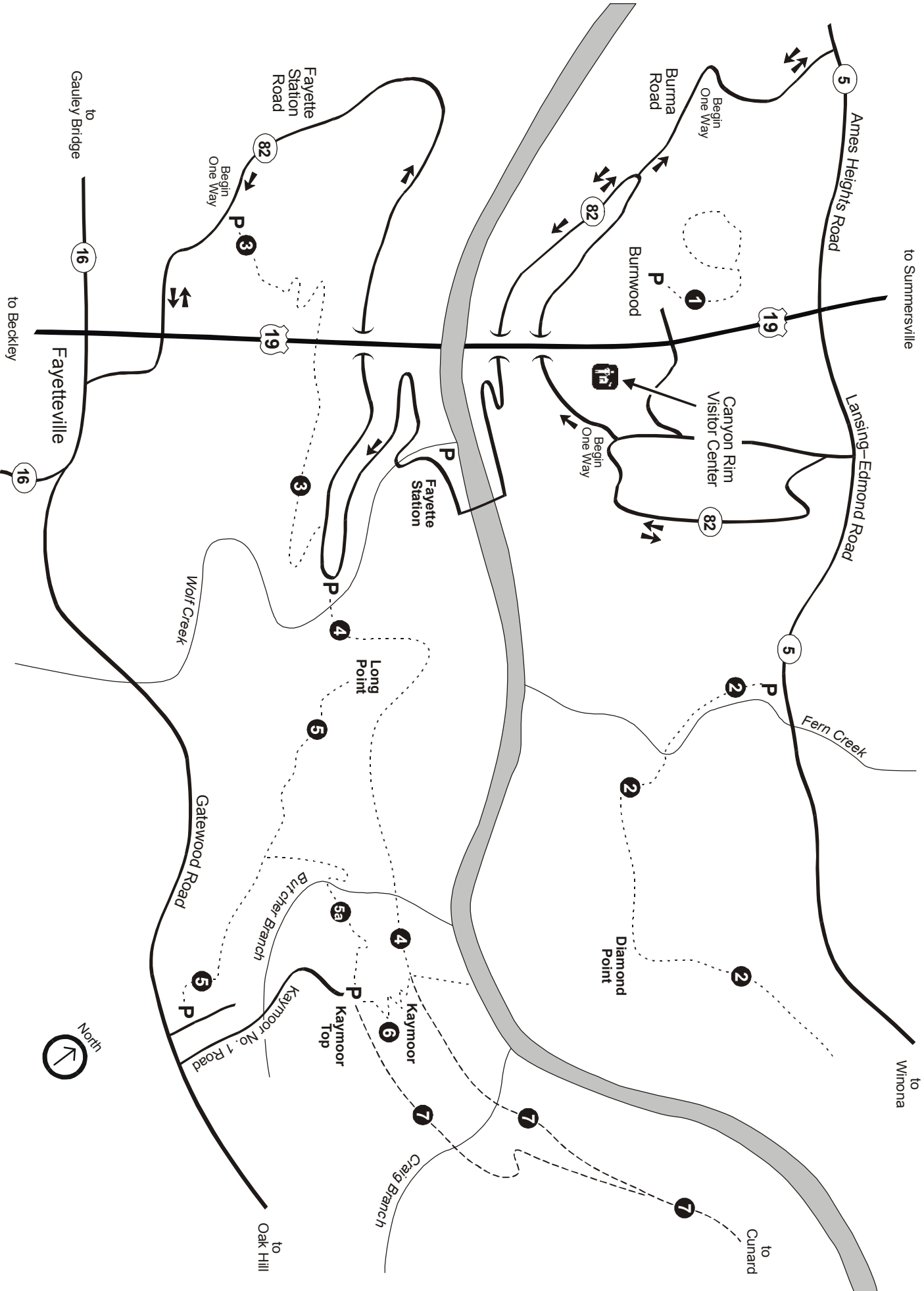
- Hunting is allowed in New River Gorge National River. Wear blaze orange during hunting season.
- Lock valuables in the trunk of your car or take them with you.
- Do not enter structures, mines, or coke ovens.
- Know the weather forecast and plan/dress accordingly.
- During spring and summer, check for ticks.
- Poison ivy is common. "Leaflets three, let it be!"
- Two species of poisonous snakes live here, the copperhead and the timber rattlesnake. Watch where you put your feet and hands.



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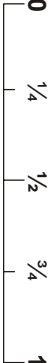
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- Creek
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- 7 Cunard – Kaymoor Trail: 6.6 miles

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→ Direction of travel (Fayette Station Road).

LEAVE NO TRACE

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you will visit.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of four to six.

Travel on Durable Surfaces

- Concentrate use on existing trails.
- Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.